Docket No.: 071971-0569 PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer No.: 53080

Akio MISAKA : Confirmation No.: 7423

Application No.: 10/576,120 : Group Art Unit: 1795

Filed: April 18, 2006 : Examiner: Rashid A. ALAM

For: PHOTOMASK (as amended)

## AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY RCE

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 21, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on November 21, 2009, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A request for continued examination is being concurrently filed herewith.